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C O N F I D E N T I A L FORT LAMY 0428

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SUBJECT: FORT LAMY PRISON RIOT

1. GOVERNMENT- CONTROLLED MEDIA ARE SILENT THIS MORNING CONCERNING RIOTING AND CONSIDERABLE FIRING WHICH TOOK PLACE AT FORT LAMY CENTRAL PRISON LAST NIGHT. TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS LIVING IN VICINITY HEARD ESTIMATED FIFTY SMALL ARMS SHOTS AND AT LEAST ONE GRENADE EXPLOSION. DRIVING PAST MAIN GATE BUT UNABLE TO STOP ONE EMBOFF SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE DOZEN DRAPED CORPSES ON GROUND AND 50-60 ARMY TROOPS CLUSTERED NEAR GATE ABOUT 9:30 P. M.

2. FROM FRENCH SOURCE WE LEARN HUNGER STRIKE HAD BEEN IN PROGRESS PAST FEW DAYS BY SOME PRISONERS AND SOME CELL BLOCKS TAKEN OVER BY PROTESTING INMATES. PROTEST WAS REPORTEDLY AGAINST QUALITY OR QUANTITY OF FOOD AND NOT RPT NOT POLITICAL, BUT PRISON CONTAINS POLITICAL PRISONERS AS WELL AS COMMON CRIMINALS AND FELONS.

3. FOREGOING SUMMARIZES ALL WE KNOW TO DATE.
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